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April Graduation



CapABILITY Expo

# THE EAGLE'S VIEW



## Manning Completes State-of-the-Art Training

What's even better than the delivery and installation of the new equipment for the Auto Detail and Maintenance Program? Well, that would be receiving the certification training for the incredible state-of-the-art equipment! Instructor Keith Manning participated in certification training for the new alignment machine during the week of June 15. Trained by Carl Pruitt, Training Specialist from Snap-on Equipment, Manning is now "certified to certify" students once they have completed the Automotive Lubrication Program. The training is offered by Hoffmann, a division of Snap-on Equipment, manufacturer and supplier of professional garage equipment for more than 75 years.

By researching and finding the industry standard, Manning recommended the purchase and installation of cutting edge equipment such as the Brake Lathe, Computerized Wheel Alignment Machine, Tire Balancer and an Automated Tire Mounting Machine. Using this equipment in tandem with the new Hydraulic Lift, Manning, is now operating a model Automotive Shop reflective of auto detail companies, auto dealerships, and known brands such as Tire World, Firestone, etc.

TRC is proud of Manning's success and grateful for his persistence in completing the industry standard training to be proficient in utilizing and instructing on the new equipment. As a result of the new training, Manning will certify successful graduates based on training indicative of today's automotive work-place. The acquisition of industry standard training will allow students to be well prepared for employment opportunities. With the combination of the Automotive class curriculum, certification capabilities, and newly acquired equipment, Automotive Detail and Maintenance students graduate with the best foundation of training possible. when seeking employment in their communities.

## Mr. Personality Is On The Job at Walmart

Anyone who has met Shaun McCarty and his great smile would indeed call him "Mr. Personality." Shaun is a January graduate of the TBI Program. Returning home to Springfield, he met with his VR Counselor, Deborah Gressman, who referred him to New Hope Placement Services. In February, Shaun received a call offering a job interview at his local Wal-Mart. Since securing the job, his assigned duties have increased and his skills earned him a raise since employment. He noted that one of his favorite parts of the job is talking with the customers as he works.



Shaun McCarty

# Employment Skills Preparation at TRC and In Practice at the 2015 CapABILITY Career Expo held at the Nashville Marriott International



Tracy Cole, Behavior Education Consultant (BEC) helps Daniel and Marcus practice interview skills.



Omar Garcia, (Physical Rehabilitation Services) intently listens to feedback from a trainer during the Expo activities.



Ms. Cole and TRC Business Education students Ciarra Armstrong (left) and Allison Brown (right) talk with an Expo exhibitor about potential employment.



Several Exhibitors shared information with TRC students.





## **"I Can't See My Reflection But Thanks to My Son, I Know I'm Beautiful"**

April Meredith, former Visual Impairment Services (VIS) student, is once again a published author. Her work is currently featured in "The Mighty." (see link below) Previously, another of April's work was featured in the publication "Breaking Ground."

Congratulations April!

<http://themighty.com/2015/06/i-cant-see-my-reflection-but-thanks-to-my-son-i-know-im-beautiful/>



**APRIL MEREDITH**

**Delivering a moving speech** and ending with singing a Spanish song, VIS student Andy Pena aptly served as student speaker for the April graduation ceremony. Pictured with Pena are State Representative Thelma Harper (left) and Smyrna Mayor Mary Ester Reed, who served as Guest Graduation Speaker.

### **Mr. Personality Continued from Page 1...**

In addition to reaching his employment goal, Shaun is also working toward obtaining his GED. Currently he is taking classes two times a week at Workforce Essentials Inc. at the Tennessee Career Center in Springfield to prepare. Staff in the TBI Program congratulate Shaun's return to work, his continuing toward his reaching his educational goals, and HIS RAISE!

### **TRC Mission Statement**

*Tennessee Rehabilitation Center-Smyrna offers person-centered comprehensive services in a supportive learning environment to individuals with disabilities to increase independence and employment potential.*

### **Organizational Values**

Because we value our students:  
*We are considerate  
 We are knowledgeable  
 We are resourceful and creative  
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 We are committed to excellence  
 We are leading by example  
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